

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

The Office Communication dated November 2, 2007, indicated that the Amendment filed August 14, 2007, changed the claims to be drawn to a non-elected invention, i.e., a system having a sending apparatus and a receiving apparatus, such that the Amendment was non-responsive.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the interview granted Applicants' representative on November 29, 2007, at which time the Office Communication was discussed. In particular, the nature of the restriction requirement of June 17, 2003, was discussed. At the conclusion of the interview, the Examiner agreed to withdrawn the notice of non-responsive amendment and to examine the claims set forth in the Amendment filed August 14, 2007.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that the Amendment filed August 14, 2007, will be entered and that the remarks set forth therein regarding the prior art will be considered.

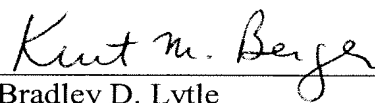
Consequently, in view of the previous amendment, the outstanding grounds of rejection are believed to have been overcome. The present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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